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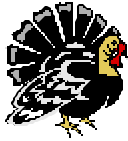
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to barely steady. Inquiry was very light and mostly for fill in needs. Limited trading was reported for prompt shipments. Offerings were moderate to heavy. Bulk parts and meats trading was light to moderate. Demand was mixed, buyers and sellers are cautious and selective.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand was light to moderate. Trading centered on thigh meat, tom drums and mechanically separated turkey, balance of items inactive. Supplies are fully adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JANUARY 13, 2005**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JANUARY 14, 2005**

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	67-68	67.50	20	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-68	67-68	67.50	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JAN 14, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	67.50	66.00	63.00
CENTRAL REGION	67.50	69.00	59.50
WESTERN REGION	68.00 **	71.40 **	62.30 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	63.50 **	64.20 **	60.00
CENTRAL REGION	62.50 **	64.00	57.50
WESTERN REGION	64.00 **	65.00 **	59.00 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	74-79
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	67-74

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	98-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	98-122

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 17-JAN-2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	81.12	255,000
16-24 lbs.	81.29	34,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	20,000
16-24 lbs.	--	20,000

Total Volume:	329,000
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TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 08-Jan-2005 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG	OLD		AVG
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED		LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-		WT
North East	816	41	22.94	(A)	819	22.94
South Atlantic	570	43	40.72	(A)	573	40.72
North Central	1,977	35	34.44	(A)	1,980	34.44
South Central	559	49	21.60	(A)	561	21.60
West	279	16	25.95	(A)	281	25.95
U.S. total	4,201(B)	37	30.79	13	4,214	30.79
To-date						
2005	4,201(B)			13	4,214	
To-date						
2004	4,129(B)			5	4,134	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 33,000; for the current year to date 33,000; for last year to date 67,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

December	403,885*
January 1-8, 2005	103,777*

To date 2005	103,777*
To date 2004	95,964*

*Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 08-Jan-2005

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>				
Head	1,621	2,547	33	13	4,214
Avg Wt	16.58	39.89	25.14	33.05	30.79
Last week	1,157	1,878	22	11	3,068
Same wk yr ago	1,659	2,403	67	5	4,134
Avg Wt	16.10	38.03	24.97	34.38	29.01
To-date/2005	1,621	2,547	33	13	4,214
To-date/2004	1,659	2,403	67	5	4,134

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 13 JANUARY 2005.

Demand for fresh and frozen breast meat was light, supplies were fully adequate, and the market tone was barely steady. Fresh white meat trims were in close balance with demand, market steady. Frozen wing meat was weak and traded at lower trending prices. Fresh breast trim moved at 140, fresh scapula 123, fresh wing meat 120-122, and fresh hen drums at 36 cents delivered. Export trading was fairly active on thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	158.00		158.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	89.00	11
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	37.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	39.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	38.00		38.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	48.00	30
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	53.00		53.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	57.00		57.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	98.00		98.00	80
NECKS, TOM	26.00		26.00	40
NECKS, HEN	23.00		23.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	173.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	182.00	20
THIGH MEAT		W	84.00	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT	140.00		140.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	120.00		120.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	164.33	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	186.77	31
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	89.00		89.00	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.17	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	17.89	230
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	38.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	21.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00-19.00		18.74	418
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	78.00		78.00	208

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 14 JANUARY 2005.

The market tone was weak on fresh and frozen tom breast meat and frozen destrapped tenders, barely steady on fresh destrapped tenders. Supplies were more than adequate for the fair demand. Fresh and frozen breast trim continued steady and supplies were in close balance with demand. Fresh and frozen wing meat were barely steady at best. Fresh scapula moved at 122, and fresh breast trim at 140. A heavy volume of plant grade 4-8 lb breasts moved at 95 cents for current and future delivery and A grade 4-8 lb breasts at open prices. Export trading was moderate. Fresh thigh meat moved at 89-89.5 cents, fresh tom drums at 38, and frozen thigh meat for March shipment traded at 78 FOB.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	96.00	400	95.50	800
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	96.00		96.00	40	96.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	158.00	20	158.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	95.00		95.00	280	95.00	280
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	36.00-38.00		37.29	140	37.48	251
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	38.00		38.00	40	38.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	38.00	40	38.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	48.00	30		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	53.00	40	53.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	53.00		53.00	80	54.95	409
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	98.00	80	97.93	86
NECKS, TOM	24.00		24.00	56	24.48	185
NECKS, HEN		R	23.00	20	23.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	173.00	20	173.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	175.00		175.00	40	177.33	60
THIGH MEAT	84.00		84.00	40	84.00	60
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	89.00-90.00		89.33	120	89.33	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	140.00	40	140.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		R	120.00	40	120.00	40
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	164.00		164.00	40	164.25	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	89.00	200	89.00	200
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	181.00		181.00	10	181.00	10
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.17	60		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	40	18.00	40
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	36.00		36.00	120	37.18	505
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		F	21.00	120		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	80	18.66	826
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	86.00		86.00	120	81.39	1,296

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